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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT

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YOUR SEGGESTION OF A STOP IN MANAGUA IS A SENSIBLE ONE. THE DIFFICULTY IS THAT WE ARE UNDER A TIGHT TIME SCHEDULE ON TUESDAY. WE PLAN TO LEAVE SAN JOSE, AS YOU MUST HAVE SEEN FROM THE SCHEDULE, AND STOP IN GUATEMALA DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, SO THAT THE SECRETARY CAN TAKE A HELICPTER TO SEE SOME OF THE DEVASTATED AREAS OUTSIDE THE CITY, AND CERTAIN OF OUR U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. GUATEMALA'S PRESENT ANGUISH IS SO SIMILAR TO NICARAGUA'S EARLIER EXPERIENCE THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN HARDLY BE INSENSITIVE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH A VISIT AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE CONCERN OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE VICTUMS OF THE QUAKE. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SQUEEZE IN A STOP IN MANAGUA, HOWEVER, DESIRABLE IT MIGHT BE UNDER OTHER CIURCUMSTANCES. PLEASE EXPLAIN THIS TO THE PRESIDENT, AND GIVE HIM MY RESPECTS ONCE AGAIN.

KISSINGER

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